

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is a method for evaluating a player's award in a game wherein one symbol of the gaming device changes into another. In one embodiment, the present invention provides all awards 5 for predetermined symbols and combinations thereof, including winning combinations produced by a wild symbol. In a second step, the game awards all awards for predetermined symbols and combinations thereof produced after the wild symbol has changed one or more non-wild symbols to a wild symbol. This step includes awarding the player for 10 combinations previously awarded in the first step, which may or may not have been the result of the wild symbol.